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Customer No. : 23911  
Title : METHOD OF BONDING METAL PLATES, APPARATUS  
THEREFOR AND HOT STRIP MILL

PETITION TO REVIVE UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED  
APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137(p)

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Petition is submitted in response to abandonment of the above-identified application for failure to respond to the Final Rejection of January 16, 2003. Neither the January 16, 2003 Final Rejection nor the Notice of Abandonment of October 20, 2003 were received in our offices. Applicants only became aware of the abandonment as a result of a file review including a checking of U.S. Patent and Trademark Office website for "Patent Application Information Retrieval" (PAIR). Subsequently, the Examiner was contacted and a copy of the Final Office Action was sent by facsimile from the Examiner on February 2, 2004.

Accompanying this Petition is a Reply to the Final Patent Office Action of January 16, 2003, and the fee of \$1,330.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(m). A change of correspondence address is also included. The first Office Action of August 27, 2002 was received in Applicants attorney's office because it occurred during a period of time in which correspondence was still being forwarded following an office move in August of 2001. The Amendment filed December 27, 2002 contained Applicants new address, the Final Office Action of January 16, 2003 was sent to Applicants attorneys previous address and no longer forwarded by the U.S. Post Office.

Accordingly, the entire delay in filing the required Reply, from the due date for the required Reply to Final Office Action of January 16, 2003 to the filing date of this grantable Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(p), was unintentionally.

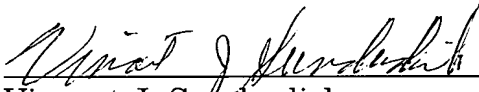
The delay in replying to the Office Action was apparently due to inadvertently failing to submit an official change of correspondence address for the application although other correspondence from Applicants office included the new address.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056208.49487US).

Respectfully submitted,

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